10/018870 13 Rec'd PCT/PTO 18 DEC 200

PATENT

B.D. 9-14-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

§

§

§

§

§

§

§

§

§

Application No.:

Filed: Herewith

Inventor(s):

Lee, Hee-Yong et al

Title: INJECTABLE

SUSTAINED RELEASE
PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITION AND
PROCESSES FOR

Unknown

PREPARING THE SAME

Examiner:

Unknown Unknown

Group/Art Unit: Atty. Dkt. No:

5333-02600

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10

"Express Mail" mailing label number: EL726368335US DATE OF DEPOSIT: December 18, 2001

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231

Derrick brown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

R1.26

Please amend the claims as follows. Applicant has also submitted herewith a strikethrough version of the claims indicating the amendments.

41

1. (Amended) A process to prepare an injectable sustained release pharmaceutical composition comprising preparing biodegradable porous microspheres having accessible ionic functional